



RECEIVED

JUL 01 2003

DAC
#8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: C-8-2

Commissioner for Patents,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

On June 26, 2003

By Katie Zarzana
Katie Zarzana

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Paul O. Davison, et al.

Application No.: 09/735,426

Filed: April 29, 2000

For: ELECTROSURGICAL SYSTEMS
AND METHODS FOR RECANALIZATION
OF OCCLUDED BODY LUMENS

Examiner: Lee S. Cohen

Art Unit: 3739

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Communication mailed August 15, 2002 and further to Applicants response of July 1, 2002. Applicants state claims 52-54, 58 and 59 read on the previously elected Figures. See, e.g., page 49 of Applicant's specification describing, amongst other things, loop portions. Applicants also note that page 2 of Applicant's previous response has a typographical error. "Claims 61-29" should read "claims 61-69".

SUMMARY

Applicant believes all outstanding issue raised in the previous Office Action are addressed herein and that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner

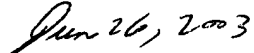
Paul O. Davison, et al.
Application No.: 09/735,426
Page 2

believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application,
please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard R. Batt
Reg. No. 43,485



Date

ArthroCare Corporation
680 Vaqueros Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3523
(408) 736-0224